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SUBJ: NASA STATION NEGOTIATIONS

REF: A) ANT 1483; B) 77 STATE 276763; C) 77 STATE 285182

SUMMARY AND COMMENT: PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT SOLOFOSON HAS CONFIRMED TO ME IN WRITING THE AGREEMENT WE REACHED ON AUGUST 3 (REF A). IN THE TEXT OF HIS LETTER, WHICH APPEARS BELOW, HE SPECIFIES THAT NASA CAN NOW SEND "TWO TECHNICIANS AND A PHOTOGRAPHER" TO INSPECT THE STATION, AND I CONFIRMED WITH HIM BY TELEPHONE THAT INDEED NASA CAN NOW SUBMIT THREE NAMES RATHER THAN THE TWO HE HAD PREVIOUSLY SPECIFIED. I ALSO VERIFIED WITH HIM THAT HIS USE OF THE WORD INVENTORY RATHER THAN INSPECTION HAS NO PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE AND THAT IT ENCOMPASSES EXAMINATION OF THE STATE OF THE EQUIPMENT AS WELL AS DRAWING UP THE LISTS IN QUESTION. COMMENT: I RECOMMEND THAT NASA PROPOSE THE NAMES OF THREE TECHICIANS TO COME OUT FOR THIS INSPECTION, AS WAS DONE LAST NOVEMBER (REF B AND C), ONE OF THEM SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED AS RESPONSIBLE FOR PHOTOGRAPHING THE EQUIPMENT. WITH RESPECT TO TIMING MY PREFERENCE IS THAT THE INSPECTION TAKE PLACE SOMETIME PRIOR TO MY SEPTEMBER 12 DEPARTURE FOR LEAVE
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AND COM MEETING IN WASHINGTON AND THAT NEGOTIATIONS BE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN UPON MY RETURN ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 20. IF NASA CONSIDERS IT FEASIBLE WE COULD EVEN TRY TO WRAP UP INSPECTION AND NEGOTIATIONS PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 12. IT IS JUST POSSIBLE THAT MALAGASY AUTHORITIES WOULD LIKE TO DISPOSE OF THIS MATTER QUICKLY AND MIGHT BE AMENABLE TO SUCH A SCHEDULE. END SUMMARY AND COMMENT.

2. FRENCH TEXT: SUITE A NOTRE ENTRETIEN J'AI L'HONNEUR
DE VOUS CONFIRMER QU'IL A ETE CONVENU QUE:

1) LA NASA EST AUTORISEE A ENVOYER A MADAGASCAR
DEUX TECHNICIENS ET UN PHOTOGRAPHE POUR PROCEDER
CONJOINTEMENT AVEC DES TECHNICIENS MALGACHES A L'INVEN-
TAIRE DE LA STATION:

2) AU TERME DE CET INVENTAIRE DES NEGOCIATIONS
ENTRE LES DEUX GOUVERNEMENTS DETERMINERONT LA LISTE DE
MATERIELS QUE LA NASA POURRAIT RECUPERER (TOUT LE RESTE
REVENANT A L'ETAT MALGACHE) ET LE PAIEMENT DU AU
GOUVERNEMENT MALGACHE PAR LES ETATS-UNIS EN CONTRE-
PARTIE DU MATERIEL RECUPERE PAR LA NASA.

3. EMBASSY TRANSLATION: FOLLOWING OUR RECENT CON-
VERSATION I HAVE THE HONOR TO CONFIRM TO YOU
THAT IT WAS AGREED THAT:

1) NASA IS AUTHORIZED TO SEND TO MADAGASCAR
TWO TECHNICIANS AND ONE PHOTOGRAPHER TO PROCEED
JOINTLY WITH MALAGASY TECHNICIANS TO MAKE AN INVENTORY
OF THE STATION:

2) AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS INVENTORY NEGOTIA-
TIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL DETERMINE THE
LIST OF MATERIALS WHICH NASA WOULD RECUPERATE (ALL
THE REST REVERTING TO THE MALAGASY STATE) AND THE PAYMENT
DUE TO THE MALAGASY GOVERNMENT IN RETURN FOR THE
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